

About Louisiana Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program:

The purpose of the Louisiana Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program is to decrease and eliminate the spread of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) from mother-to-child transmission in the state of Louisiana. The program was established in 1990 and has been successful in reducing HBV in adults and infants by using a multifaceted approach that includes:

- Prenatal testing of all pregnant women for hepatitis B infection during their first trimester
- Timely reporting (within 1 business day according to *LAC: 51:II.105*) of positive cases to the state health department
- Providing universal birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine to all newborns before discharge from the hospital or birthing facility
- Ensuring proper immunoprophylaxis (birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine and immune globulin within 12 hours of birth) for all babies born to Hepatitis B-positive mothers and mothers of unknown Hepatitis B status
- Completion of Hepatitis B 3-dose vaccine series in timely manner for all infants, and for infants born to infected mothers, completion of post-vaccination serologic testing between 9 and 18 months of age

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